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## LOCAL

Charley Giddings sold four automobiles last week.

Fern Tarbell is the new meat cutter at the W. J. Warner market.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner are in Detroit this week and will return with a new Dodge Touring car.

Advertised Letters:—Wm. Jones, Miss Minnie Marie McCormick, Mrs. Mabel Swayzee Willard Pierce.

Mrs. Elvira Morrison left on Wednesday morning for a visit with her daughter and family in Grand Rapids.

Nothing but the gallery left for the Coterie play tonight, and the prospects are good for a crowded house tomorrow night. Get seats reserved for the Saturday night performance any time tomorrow.

H. W. McCabe states that his election to the office of constable last Monday, makes the fifty-second year he has held an office in Paw Paw. Capt. O. W. Rowland can share honors with him, as he was first elected to office in this county the same year that Col. McCabe started in the game.

Sunday evening at 7:30 Mr. E. W. Grey will give an address at the Christian church on the subject, "Building Democracy with Boys". Mr. Grey is district Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and knows all about the boy and his relation to his government. All boys and their parents should be present for this address.

Summer schedule for Paw Paw stores:—We the undersigned business men of Paw Paw agree to open and close our respective places of business until further notice, as follows: Open at 7:00 A. M. Close Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 P. M. Close other evenings, except Saturday at 8:00 P. M., commencing April 14th. Longwell Bros., H. C. Waters & Co., H. W. Showerman, F. R. Avery, O'Grady Bros. Co., Eaton & Mosier, M. A. Munnerly, W. J. Warner, Maple City Grocery Co., T. B. Clapp & Co., W. A. Young, Shaefer & Riedl.

The Higgs Junior dancing class closed the series of lessons with a cotillion at the Maple City club rooms last Friday evening. The parents and friends of the pupils were invited in to enjoy the evening, and the ease and grace with which the young Terpsichorean artists executed the intricate steps of the various dances was a revelation to the guests. In addition to the regular cotillion "Stunts", the interpretive dancing of the little Misses, Edith Thayer, Katherine Maxwell and Jean Warner were special features. These dances were executed with the grace and precision of professionals, and words cannot portray their excellence and beauty. At the close of the dancing, the little folks enjoyed ice cream and cake. Mr. and Mrs. Higgs are excellent instructors, and have reason to feel proud of their winters work among the little folks.

The election last Monday demonstrated the fact that the newly enfranchised voters can be depended upon to take an active interest in their new duties. The result of the election also shows that a great majority of women believe in affiliating with some party, rather than to be considered as "Independent Voters". An immense vote was polled all over the county, the political ratio on the state ticket being approximately three republican to one democrat, while the entire state will be about two to one republican. The Wine and Beer amendment was defeated in Van Buren county by over four thousand majority, and the total Dry majority in the state will probably reach nearly 150,000. Heavy majorities were rolled up for the Good Roads amendment everywhere, and the majority for this measure will undoubtedly be around 250,000. The Salary measure is probably lost. There were approximately 1150 votes cast in Paw Paw township, precinct No. 1, casting a few more votes than precinct No. 2. Following is the vote in detail, the figures for the two precincts being tallied:—Commissioner of Schools, E. V. Root, 744, (No Opposition); Supervisor, Roy L. Tuttle, 785; Charles E. Mather, 301; Clerk, Frank V. Hodges, 843; No Opposition, Treasurer, Jay Hinkley, 709; Carrie C. Chappell, 379; Highway Commissioner, Lewis Salisbury 663; L. L. Cole, 408 Overseer of Highways, Robert Bangs, 748, Charles H. Sprague, 319; Justice of the Peace, Wm. H. Mason, 360, (No Opposition); Board of Review, L. J. Dunham, 754, Bert Gleason 306; Constables, C. W. Reynolds, H. W. McCabe, Philo Simmons, elected by votes of approximately three to one over their opponents. Amendments, State Good Road, Yes, 579, No, 157; Salary, Yes, 414, No, 385; Wine and Beer, Yes, 678, No, 314; Local Road Bond, Yes, 871, No, 159.

John Britton of Bangor was in Paw Paw on official business this week.

Rus Mentor has just completed a neat job of asphalt shingling on the L. E. Shepard residence.

A. F. Hurlbut was in Bangor Wednesday to attend the funeral of his army comrade, John Goss.

A card from E. F. Parks dated in Los Angeles, April 2nd, states that they will soon start for home.

The Eagle Lake Gleaners are invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodges on Saturday evening of this week.

Quite a number of South Haven people have been in Paw Paw this week as witnesses in Circuit court trials.

The Dorcas society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. C. Mosier on Tuesday afternoon, April 15th. This will be a social afternoon.

Mrs. Leona Barton who spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Will Nelson has returned to Paw Paw for the summer. She is with her son Ralph Jennings and family for the present.

Gene Salisbury has purchased the beautiful "Bob" colt of Mr. Wotschka for a consideration of \$250. Mr. Graham is breaking the colt which gives promise of being one of the best roadsters in the county.

Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Miller has been discharged from military service and will soon be at home again. He will come decorated with a distinguished service medal for gallantry and bravery on the field of battle.

The hand painted posters in the local store windows, advertising the Coterie Play for to-night and Saturday night, have attracted considerable attention. Miss Mildred Shepard is the artist, and she has depicted some of the leading characters in the play with a skill that would do credit to a Fisher or a Satterlee. Miss Mildred has rare ability in this line and a talent that should be encouraged.

John Pepper died at his home near Galesburg, March 29th, aged 57 years. He was born in Decatur township, and spent the early days of his life in this vicinity. He went to Kalamazoo county in 1884 and has since resided there. He leaves a wife and four children, one sister, Mrs. Frank Downing of this village, and three brothers:—Charles of Union City, Dell of Phoenix, Arizona; and Dr. Harry Pepper of Detroit. Deceased had been in poor health for several years, and apoplexy was the immediate cause of his death.

On the recommendation of Highway Commissioner Salisbury at the Township Meeting Monday, it was voted to levy a tax of 25 cents on every \$100 valuation for the Highway repair fund, and 20 cents on a hundred for township highway improvement. This is a raise of five cents on a hundred over last years assessment. An amendment to make the amount 15 cents per hundred was defeated. It was voted to sell the Road Roller and Water Tank. The wagons will be retained. The committee appointed last year to investigate the cost of a Fire Truck reported and were discharged. It was thought that the time is not yet opportune for the purchase of this equipment. On motion the sum of \$2,000 will be raised for the contingent fund.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Barnard passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Whitfield Simmons on April 3rd, having nearly reached her 80th milestone. Her maiden name was Sarah Ann Serrine and she was born in Pennsylvania on May 31st, 1839. She came to Michigan at the age of thirteen and with the exception of a few years in Petoskey, has lived in this vicinity since. Deceased was married to Philo North in 1858, the latter only living four years. To this union one son, William Philo North was born. He preceded his mother to the Great Beyond about four years ago. She later married Fayette Rowan, and one daughter from this marriage grew to womanhood, two other children dying in infancy. She was married again to Almon Barnard of Petoskey in 1896. Mrs. Barnard suffered a stroke of paralysis about six years ago, and had been in feeble health since much of the time being confined to her bed. During all these years she has been tenderly cared for by the daughter, Mrs. Simmons. Besides the daughter she leaves seven grand children and nine great grand children, one brother John Serrine, and a half brother, Buel Bonfoey both of Los Angeles, California. The funeral services were held from the Baptist church last Sunday Rev. E. E. Shouffer officiating. Burial was in the Bangs cemetery.



There has been no diminution of patriotism among the citizens of Van Buren county. This was demonstrated beyond the question of a doubt, at the enthusiastic Liberty Loan meeting in Paw Paw last Tuesday. There was a larger crowd present, and apparently greater interest manifested than at any previous meeting of a like kind. Good delegations were present from every precinct in the county except Bloomingdale and Columbia. These sections were not represented. County Chairman T. J. Cavanaugh presided, and the speakers of the day were John H. Burke, Treasurer of the United States, and Mr. Boyle, Liberty Loan organizer for the Seventh Federal Reserve district. Two soldier boys from Bangor, who have been "Over the Top" several times, wounded and sent home to recuperate, were called to the platform to relate some of their experiences, which they did in a modest and entertaining manner. It was a distinct honor for Van Buren county to listen to a United States official of Mr. Burke's standing, and the audience showed its appreciation of his presence.

Judge D. H. Pinney of Decatur was calling on Paw Paw friends last Friday.

The Royal Bee will meet with Mrs. Claud Snow this week Friday. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barber have arrived at their Paw Paw home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dunbar of Kalamazoo spent the week end with Paw Paw friends.

Work is progressing nicely on the foundation of the new Carnegie Library building.

Congressman Crampton of Lapeer was a guest at the H. L. McNeil home for the week end.

Claude Kline has returned to the States from France, and expects to be mustered out soon.

Claude Mercer has rented the Alexander Bauer place west of town and moved his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cornwell and Mrs. M. B. Cady of Lawrence were Paw Paw visitors on Wednesday.

The Opera House was well filled last Sunday evening to hear the splendid address of Congressman Crampton of Lapeer.

Colonel W. B. Brainard who has been seriously ill is now on the gain and able to be up about the house and yard.

There will be a meeting of the newly elected board of supervisors next Tuesday, April 15th, for the purpose of organization for the years work.

Miss Irene Shaefer is recovering from a serious attack of sore throat, and is again able to attend to her duties as clerk in the Shaefer and Riedl store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Epley and son George of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Lute McCrumb of Kalamazoo called on Paw Paw friends for a few hours last Saturday evening.

Manager Reeves announces Theda Bara in that great film feature "Cleopatra" for Wednesday and Thursday nights, April 23 and 24. This superb picture comes direct from its big run at the Lyric theatre in New York City and movie patrons in this community are fortunate to have an opportunity to see it here. The admission will be 30 cents including war tax, and the first show will start at 7:45 o'clock sharp. Bear these dates in mind.

T. A. Sprague who has been through a long and severe siege of sickness is improving rapidly. He was able to ride to town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Parker died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Ball on Wednesday morning. She was eighty seven years of age, and a fall which fractured her hip some days ago, hastened the end. Further obituary comments of this aged and highly respected lady will be made next week. The funeral will be held from the Ball home Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

Mrs. J. D. Salls has decided to offer her Variety store for sale. Sickness of her husband, and the strain of continued work behind the counter for Mrs. Salls has induced her to make an effort to retire from active business. Advertising space on another page of this issue, explains the proposition.

A message to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCabe Wednesday morning from their daughter Mrs. Earl F. Wheaton of Lansing stated that her husband was sick with small pox, and that they were all in quarantine. They have two children and it will be a pity if they all have to go through a siege of this disease.

A decision handed down by the Supreme Court last week affirms the decision of the lower court in the Paw Paw Savings Bank vs. The John W. Free litigation. The courts decide that the Savings Bank may retain possession of their present banking quarters.

Manager Mitchel of the Cubs has selected Bill Killefer as Captain of the team again this year. The New York Sun of April 2nd, pays the following tribute to Bill. "Bill Killefer of the Cubs is the star catcher of the National League. His head is filled with gray matter and he possesses a whip that is a terror to base runners."

Word reached Paw Paw friends that Prof. Steele died recently at his home in Ann Arbor. He was the husband of Mrs. Alice Harvey Steele, who at one time was a teacher in the local schools. She will be remembered by some of the older residents in the community. Deceased was for many years a teacher in Georgia, and late years has lived in Ann Arbor.

A. V. Morlan is the new Superintendent of the Paw Paw Electric Lighting plant, succeeding George Whitehead, resigned. Mr. Morlan comes here from Watervliet, and has had sixteen years experience in the business. He installed the plant at Decatur and had charge of the same for a number of years. There is general regret on the part of Paw Paw people that Mr. Whitehead resigned, but it is a satisfaction to know that he will remain in business here. His successor comes well recommended, and will undoubtedly be a worthy successor to him.

Following is the personnel of the newly elected Board of Supervisors:—Almena, Walter Stoughton; Antwerp, Sheldon Coleman; Arlington, Frank Cleveland; Bangor, Frank Burger; Bloomingdale, Ben Schamahorn; Covert, E. J. Kirby; Columbia, A. Gaynor; Decatur, Emory H. Squier; Geneva, Frank Galbreath; Hamilton, William O. Bowers; Hartford, Stephen A. Doyle; Keeler, Frank Dyer; Lawrence, Owen W. Long; Paw Paw, Roy L. Tuttle; Pine Grove, H. J. Slonaker; Porter, Homer Turner; South Haven Township, F. R. Poorman; Waverly, John Gault; South Haven City, First Ward, George W. Brown; 2nd Ward, Chan Elkenburg; Third Ward, James Martin.

### BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids for improving the following list of roads will be received by the board of road commissioners of the county of Van Buren, at their office in the Court House at Paw Paw Michigan, until 1:00 o'clock Friday, April 25th, 1919.

3 1/2 miles class C 12 feet wide, assessment district No. 3, Porter township.

3 miles class C 12 feet wide, assessment district No. 5, Covert township.

5 1/2 miles class E 12 feet wide, assessment district No. 7, Bangor and Geneva townships.

3 miles class B 12 feet wide, assessment district No. 8, Geneva township.

2 1/2 miles class B 12 feet wide, assessment district No. 9, Columbia township.

Plans and profiles of the above roads may be seen at the office any Friday. A certified check for \$100.00 payable to George Dillenbeck, chairman, must accompany each bid.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Address

Van Buren County Road Commissioners.

Geo. Dillenbeck, Chairman

Paw Paw, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mosier received word on Wednesday that Mrs. E. E. Downing underwent a serious operation in a Chicago hospital the first of the week. The operation was successful, and the patient is getting along nicely, the message said.

Commissioner E. V. Root has reason to feel proud of his vote on Monday last. His name was on the state ballot with no opposition. The fact that he had a much larger vote than any other candidate on the ticket shows that many people went out of their way to express their appreciation of Mr. Root's untiring efforts in the interest of the schools of Van Buren county.

Full returns on the county vote on Supervisors are not available as we go to press, but the political complexion of the next board will be decidedly republican. Sheldon Coleman comes back from Antwerp, Frank Cleveland from Arlington, Ben Schamahorn from Bloomingdale, and John Gault defeated Ed Chase in Waverly. A telegram to The True Northerner from Postmaster Burlingame of Bangor on the evening of election however, stated that Supervisor Burger was re-elected by a majority of 218. So the democratic party will be well represented on the board.

The "Bewildering Miss Felicia" will play to a crowded house tonight. Practically every seat on the main floor is already reserved and nothing but the gallery remains. No seats will be reserved for Saturday night until tomorrow morning, and those who are unable to get seats tonight will have an opportunity to enjoy this interesting performance the second night. "The Bewildering Miss Felicia" is a play out of the ordinary, and something entirely different from the usual run of plays. All the parts are played by female characters, and it will be a "Scream" from start to finish. Here we have the most pathetic of love scenes, but not a lover in sight. Adeline Paisley has a most devoted lover who has written his beloved a love letter every day for the past twenty years. "Rain or Shine," Mrs. Hippolytus Biddle has her lover, who visits her often, but is never seen by the inquisitive eyes of her lady friends in Lilac. Finally her secret is disclosed and "He" proves to be "Only a Dummy." Mrs. Douglas goes on her wedding tour alone, and has a real good time. Mrs. Murray's lover has been dead these twenty years, but she "Loved Him Truly". Mable Oggsby, poor thing, has to cook and eat for ten men every day; but still has time to screech "Hannah Jane" from morning until night. Aunt Sally is a good old soul, but tries to boss everybody, even the French Maid, direct from Paris, who will not be bossed. Little Miss Freedom never had a name because it took all the good names for the cats and dogs. Mrs. Addison has troubles all her own but comes out with flying colors. Miss Norma never had a lover, but would like one. Miss Lucretia Long just loves her giggle and her sack of peppermint candy. Mrs. Jose thinks that most men were not intended to work and discovers that she can't control even her own feet. Miss Felicia, a charming girl, comes to the village and occupies her old grand fathers house which has been vacant for over twenty years and is supposed to be haunted. Miss Felicia does not believe all she hears and with her retinue of servants takes possession. By kindness she wins the love of all. The scene is laid in the village of Lilac just after the close of the Civil War, and the entire cast will appear in costumes of that period. The different parts are filled by just the right person for her particular character who will try her best to please you.

### CARD OF THANKS

We hereby express our heartfelt thanks to all who in any way helped to lighten our burden of sorrow during the last illness and death of our beloved mother. Especially do we thank the neighbors and near friends for the beautiful floral offerings; Mrs. Abbott and those who assisted her for the sweet music and Rev. E. E. Shouffer for his comforting words.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Simmons

and family

Mrs. Bertha North and family.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Edward E. Shouffer, B. D. Pastor

10:00 A. M. Sunday School. Remember to come on time.

11:00 A. M. Divine Worship. Sermon Topic: "The Two Mile Life".

3:00 P. M. Meeting of the Junior Society.

6:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic: "How to give God's Day to Godlike Deeds." Exodus 20:8-11.

Short talks will be made by Hazel Raymond, Mildred Beach and Rev. E. E. Shouffer.

7:30 P. M. This congregation joins in the Union service at the Christian church. A full attendance is desired.